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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIS OCON IC
SUBJECT: FISHERIES: ICNAF

REF: A) STATE 166742, B) STATE 167508

1. IN ABSENCE FROM ICELAND OF FONMIN AGUSTSSON, SECRETARY'S LETTER TO AGUSTSSON DELIVERED TO MFA SECGEN PETUR THORSTEINSSON. TALKING POINTS ALSO MADE TO THORSTEINSSON WHO MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT BUT PROMISED BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION OF GOI FISHERIES OFFICIALS AND TO AGUSTSSON ON HIS RETURN. THORSTEINSSON SAID, HOWEVER, GOI HAD NOTIFIED COMMISSION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED AT OTTAWA MEETING BECAUSE "THERE ARE NO MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ICELAND TO BE DISCUSSED THERE."

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2. IN ANY CASE, REGRET TO SAY WE BELIEVE HOPE EXPRESSED IN

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PARA. 9(G) OF REF (B) THAT ICELAND MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO SUPPORT USG IN ACTION SHORT OF UNILATERAL CONTROL IS PROBABLY OVERLY OPTIMISTIC. ICELAND SEES EVERY UNILATERAL EXTENSION OF FISHERIES LIMITS ANYWHERE IN WORLD AS SUPPORTING ITS CAUSE AND WOULD FEEL IT AN IMPORTANT GAIN IF USG WERE FORCED INTO SUCH ACTION. STATEMENTS MADE BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS OR BILLS INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS FAVORING EXTENSION HAVE BEEN FRONT-PAGE NEWS HERE AND CITED AS EVIDENCE THAT US FISHING INDUSTRY SUPPORTS ICELANDIC MOVE EVEN IF USG UNWILLING TO DO SO PUBLICLY.

3. WILL REPORT FURTHER IF THERE IS ANY SUBSTANTIVE REACTION FROM GOI. IRVING

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